

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A fishing reel comprising:
  - a reel body;
  - a handle rotatably supported by the reel body;
  - a rotor rotatably supported by the reel body;
  - a power transmitting mechanism including a driving force transmitting part for transmitting driving force generated by rotating the handle to drive the rotor; and
  - a first rotation power transmitting instrument including an elastic member for frictionally transmitting the driving force provided at the drive force transmitting part,
    - wherein the first rotation power transmitting instrument includes two interlocking gears, and said elastic member is attached to a gear portion of one of said two interlocking gears so as to prevent said interlocking gears from contacting under a low load condition wherein said elastic member is disposed adjacent to said gear portion without being disposed within a tooth portion of said gear portion.
2. (original): The fishing reel according to claim 1, wherein the driving force transmitting part includes the first rotation power transmitting instrument and a second rotation power transmitting instrument including gears for transmitting the driving force.

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3. (currently amended): A fishing reel comprising:

- a first shaft;
- a first gear provided at the first shaft;
- a friction transmission rotating part coaxial with the first gear and provided at the first shaft;
- a second shaft;
- a second gear in mesh with the first gear provided at the second shaft; and
- an elastic member coaxial with the second gear and provided at the second shaft, wherein the elastic member elastically contacts with the friction transmission rotating part, and driving force is transmitted between the first and second shafts via the first and second gear and via the friction transmission rotation part and the elastic member, and  
wherein said elastic member is an annular ring shape.

4. (original): The fishing reel according to claim 3 further comprising:

- a handle for generating the driving force; and
- a rotor which is rotated by the driving force,

wherein the first and second shafts are interposed between the handle and the rotor for transmitting the driving force.

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5. (new): The fishing reel according to claim 3, wherein said elastic member is attached to one of said first and second gears so as to prevent said first and second gears from contacting under a low load condition.